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For: NITRIDED VALVE METALS AND
PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME
Our Ref: 00014DIV (3600-267-02)

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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before February 17, 2005.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.